

House File 2356 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing a special volunteer Iowa motor vehicle
2 registration plate, establishing fees, creating a volunteer
3 Iowa license fee fund, and making appropriations.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 15H.7 Volunteer Iowa license fee
2 fund.

3 1. A volunteer Iowa license fee fund is created in the
4 state treasury under the control of the Iowa commission on
5 volunteer service. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, interest or
6 earnings on moneys in the volunteer Iowa license fee fund shall
7 be credited to the volunteer Iowa license fee fund. The fund
8 shall include the fees credited by the treasurer of state from
9 the sale of special volunteer Iowa motor vehicle registration
10 plates pursuant to section 321.34, subsection 25, paragraph
11 "f". Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the commission
12 to be distributed to eligible recipients. The commission
13 shall first distribute funds, to the extent practicable,
14 in accordance with the designations made by motor vehicle
15 registrants under section 321.34, subsection 25, paragraph "e".
16 Remaining funds shall be distributed as the commission deems
17 appropriate.

18 2. For purposes of this section, "eligible recipient" means
19 any entity approved by the commission for receipt of volunteer
20 Iowa license fee funds including a mentoring program certified
21 by the commission, a volunteer center recognized by the
22 commission, a national service program, or any other program
23 supported by the commission.

24 Sec. 2. Section 321.34, Code 2009, is amended by adding the
25 following new subsection:

26 NEW SUBSECTION. 25. *Volunteer Iowa plates.*

27 a. Upon payment of the initial set-up costs for establishing
28 the volunteer Iowa plate, the department, in consultation
29 with the Iowa commission on volunteer service, shall design
30 a special volunteer Iowa plate displaying the address of
31 the volunteer Iowa internet site and a message encouraging
32 volunteerism.

33 b. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
34 director may issue volunteer Iowa plates to the owner of a
35 vehicle referred to in subsection 12.

1 *c.* The special fee for letter-number designated volunteer
2 Iowa plates is forty dollars. The fee for personalized
3 volunteer Iowa plates is twenty-five dollars, which shall be
4 paid in addition to the special volunteer Iowa fee of forty
5 dollars.

6 *d.* Upon receipt of the special registration plates, the
7 applicant shall surrender the current registration plates to
8 the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall validate
9 the special registration plates in the same manner as regular
10 registration plates are validated under this section. The
11 annual special volunteer Iowa fee for letter-number designated
12 plates is thirty dollars, which shall be paid in addition to
13 the regular annual registration fee. The annual special fee
14 for personalized volunteer Iowa plates is five dollars, which
15 shall be paid in addition to the annual special volunteer Iowa
16 fee and the regular annual registration fee.

17 *e.* An applicant for issuance of special volunteer Iowa
18 plates may designate one eligible recipient, from a list
19 approved by the Iowa commission on volunteer service, to which
20 half of the applicant's special volunteer Iowa plate fees
21 shall be allocated as provided in section 15H.7. Each time a
22 person applies for validation of special volunteer Iowa plates,
23 the person may designate one eligible recipient, from the
24 list approved by the Iowa commission on volunteer service, to
25 which half of the applicant's special volunteer Iowa renewal
26 fees shall be allocated as provided in section 15H.7. The
27 department shall forward the applicant's designation to the
28 Iowa commission on volunteer service.

29 *f.* The fees collected by the director under this subsection
30 shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and deposited
31 in the road use tax fund. The treasurer of state shall
32 transfer monthly from the statutory allocations fund created
33 under section 321.145, subsection 2, the amount of the special
34 fees collected in the previous month for the volunteer Iowa
35 plates as follows:

1 (1) To the Iowa volunteer generation fund, an amount equal
2 to twenty dollars for each volunteer Iowa plate issued under
3 paragraph "c" and an amount equal to fifteen dollars from each
4 special volunteer Iowa renewal fee under paragraph "d".

5 (2) To the volunteer Iowa license fee fund created under
6 section 15H.7, an amount equal to twenty dollars for each
7 volunteer Iowa plate issued under paragraph "c" and an amount
8 equal to fifteen dollars from each special volunteer Iowa
9 renewal fee under paragraph "d".

10 Sec. 3. Section 321.145, subsection 2, paragraph b,
11 subparagraph (3), Code Supplement 2009, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 (3) The amounts required to be transferred pursuant to
14 section 321.34 from revenues available under this subsection
15 shall be transferred and credited as provided in section
16 321.34, subsections 7, 10, 10A, 11, 11A, 11B, 13, 16, 17, 18,
17 19, 20, 20A, 20B, 21, 22, 23, and 24, and 25 for the various
18 purposes specified in those subsections.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill provides for the issuance of a special motor
21 vehicle registration plate to support volunteer recruitment
22 efforts and volunteer programs.

23 The bill creates a volunteer Iowa license fee fund under
24 the control of the Iowa commission on volunteer service. The
25 fund is the depository of certain revenues from volunteer Iowa
26 registration plates credited to the fund and appropriated to
27 the commission under the bill. The commission is responsible
28 for distributing moneys in the fund first to eligible
29 recipients designated by motor vehicle registrants and then
30 to other eligible recipients. Eligible recipients include
31 mentoring programs certified by the commission, volunteer
32 centers recognized by the commission, national service
33 programs, and other programs supported by the commission.

34 Once the department of transportation receives payment for
35 initial start-up costs, the department is required to design a

1 special "volunteer Iowa" special plate, in consultation with
2 the Iowa commission on volunteer service. The plate's design
3 will feature the address of the volunteer Iowa internet site
4 and a message encouraging volunteerism. The department's usual
5 requirement for beginning production of a new special plate
6 design is 500 prepaid applications for the plate.

7 The initial fee for issuance of volunteer Iowa plates is
8 \$40. An applicant for personalized volunteer Iowa plates must
9 pay the \$25 personalized plate fee in addition to the \$40
10 volunteer Iowa fee. The renewal fee for volunteer Iowa plates
11 is \$30 in addition to the annual vehicle registration fee. For
12 renewal of personalized volunteer Iowa plates, an additional
13 \$5 personalized plate renewal fee applies in addition to the
14 \$30 volunteer Iowa fee and the annual registration fee. All
15 registration fees are deposited in the road use tax fund.

16 The bill directs that an amount equal to \$20 from each
17 special volunteer Iowa plate fee and \$15 from each renewal
18 fee be transferred each month from the statutory allocations
19 fund to the Iowa volunteer generation fund, and the remaining
20 \$20 from each special plate fee and \$15 from each renewal fee
21 be transferred from the statutory allocations fund to the
22 volunteer Iowa license fee fund.

23 At the time of application for volunteer Iowa plates,
24 and each year when the plates are renewed, a registrant may
25 designate a volunteer program selected from a list of eligible
26 recipients approved by the Iowa commission on volunteer
27 service. The designated program will receive an amount equal
28 to half of the special volunteer Iowa plate fees paid by the
29 registrant at that time of issuance or renewal. The payment
30 will be made from the volunteer Iowa license fee fund at the
31 direction of the commission on volunteer service.